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**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification by replacing the first full paragraph on page 20 with the following:

Thus, the present invention is directed to a fusion protein comprising GFP so that the resulting fusion protein has a half life of no more than about ten hours and as little as less than one hour. In a preferred form, the GFP is EGFP. Preferably, the fusion protein comprises EGFP fused to a PEST sequence-containing portion of a C-terminus of murine ornithine decarboxylase (MODC). Representative examples of PEST sequence-containing portion of a C-terminus of murine ornithine decarboxylase include MODC.sub.376-461, MODC.sub.376-456 MODC.sub.422-461, P426A/P427A, P438A, E428A/E430A/E431A, E444A, S440A, S445A, T436A, D433A/D434A and D448A. One example of the GFP fusion protein of the present invention has the sequence shown in SEQ ID No: 1 ~~SEQ ID No: 1~~.